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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the October 2011 Vegetable Report. Acreage was reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Vince Matthews Director

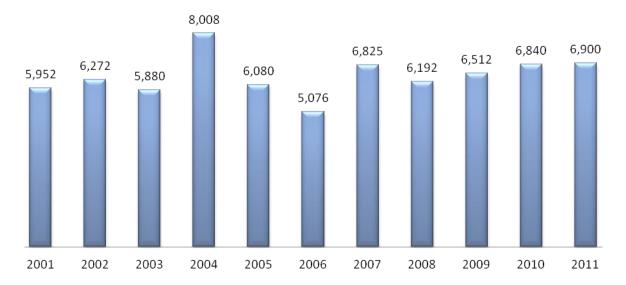
Idaho Onion Production

Onion acreage harvested in Idaho is estimated at 9,200 acres, a 2 percent increase from last year and a 5 percent increase from 2009. Yield is estimated at 750 cwt per acre, down 10 cwt from last year but up 10 cwt from 2009. Production increased 1 percent from last year to 6.90 million cwt. As of October 2, 80 percent of the state's onions had been harvested. This is slightly behind the five-year average of 83 percent. Malheur County is expected to have an onion production of 8.48 million cwt, down 1 percent from last year. The yield for Malheur County is estimated at 750 cwt per acre and acreage harvested is estimated at 11,300 acres.

Nationally, summer storage onion production is forecast at 55.9 million hundredweight (cwt), down slightly from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 101,560 acres, down 3 percent from 2010. The yield, at 551 cwt per acre, is up 15 cwt from last year. In California, harvest was behind schedule due to cool, wet weather during the growing season. Colorado growers reported some hail damage during the growing season. In Idaho, onion harvest was behind schedule due to a cool wet spring and mild summer conditions. In Oregon, harvest was delayed due to cool and wet weather during the summer season. In Washington, cold spring conditions followed by warm summer temperatures aided crop development.

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In 1000 cwt.



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Onions: Harvested Acres, Yield, and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2010-2011

	Harvested Acres		Yield		Production		
Season and State	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	% of 2010
	Acres		Cwt		1,000 Cwt		
Spring	25,900	29,600	289	325	7,484	9,629	129%
Summer							
Non-Storage	18,700	18,000	533	534	9,963	9,610	96%
Storage							
California ¹	29,000	29,500	450	440	13,050	12,980	99%
Colorado	7,200	7,200	400	415	2,880	2,988	104%
IDAHO	9,000	9,200	760	750	6,840	6,900	101%
Michigan	4,000	3,700	220	250	880	925	105%
New York	9,800	8,200	315	360	3,087	2,952	96%
Oregon							
Malheur	11,300	11,300	760	750	8,588	8,475	99%
Other	8,900	9,400	700	675	6,230	6,345	102%
Washington	22,000	20,000	610	650	13,420	13,000	97%
Wisconsin	1,600	1,400	200	415	320	581	182%
Other States ²	1,870	1,660	458	475	857	;.	92%
Total	104,670	101,560	536	551	56,152	55,934	100%
Summer	123,370	119,560	536	548	66,115	65,544	99%
United States	149,270	149,160	493	504	73,599	75,173	102%

^{1/} Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

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^{2/} Other States include Ohio and Utah.